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image and corresponding number-of-display times image in the fourth step.

39. The method of claim 38 further comprising the steps of:

- (6) counting the number of display times per document 5
- (7) selecting document images to be displayed in a top-to-bottom number of display times; and
- (8) incrementing the number of display times by a pre-determined process. 10

40. An electronic book display comprising:

document storage means for storing document image data for an electronic book;

a display means for displaying the document image of the electronic book on a screen by reading out corresponding document image data from the document image data storage means; 15

counting means for counting a number of times each page of the electronic book is displayed;

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count storage means for storing the number of times each page of the electronic book is displayed as determined by the counting means;

color shading generation means for generating color shading corresponding to the number of times each page of the electronic book is displayed; and

a color shading display means for displaying the color generated by the color shading generation means, the shading being applied to a fore-edge of each page of the electronic book, wherein the color shading indicating a relative number of times each page of the electronic book has been displayed.

41. The electronic book display of claim 40, wherein the counting means counts a page as being displayed only if the page is displayed for longer than a predetermined time interval.

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